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Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: RM. No. 8013

Dear Secretary:

The HIDTA Task Force (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) of South Florida is engaged in a continuing war on the illegal importation of lethal drugs and their distribution in the United States. We need every innovative weapon available to us. The Task Force has specifically targeted transportation modes as a vulnerability of drug trafficking organizations. Automated vehicle location is a weapon in that effort.

PacTel Teletrac and their 900 MHZ vehicle location technology has helped us in this effort. Their very reliable system has significantly enhanced our ability to observe suspects from a distance, often miles away. This ability has greatly increased Agent safety and reduced our manpower requirements on a per case basis. This extremely innovative technology will allow the Task Force the luxury of conducting an entire surveillance, over any amount of time, without having to be close to the target involved.

We would support any effort by the Commission to protect the PacTel Teletrac frequency allocations. They are presently singly responsible for the vehicle location technology we now enjoy in the South Florida area. This company has a real commitment to law enforcement and provides a valuable service we strongly support.

Sincerely,

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